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COSMIC GHOST RIDER



FRANK CASTLE WAS A DECORATED MARINE AND AN UPSTANDING CITIZEN WHEN HIS FAMILY WAS KILLED IN A MOB HIT. FROM THAT DAY, HE WAS A FORCE OF RETRIBUTION...IN LIFE AND IN HIS ROLES AFTER DEATH — AS GHOST RIDER, AS HERALD OF GALACTUS, AND AS THANOS' RIGHT-HAND MAN.

THEN FRANK DIED FOR REAL — BUT WAS UNABLE TO REST KNOWING THERE WAS JUSTICE LEFT TO SERVE AGAINST THE WORST OF THE WORST: THANOS HIMSELF.

TRAVELING BACK IN TIME, FRANK PLANNED TO KILL THANOS IN HIS CRIB. BUT FRANK COULDN'T DO IT, DECIDING INSTEAD TO TAKE THANOS ON THE LAM TO TRY TO RAISE HIM RIGHT. OF COURSE, THERE ARE PLENTY OF FOLKS WHO AREN'T TOO HAPPY WITH THAT PLAN...

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I
AM UATU THE
WATCHER!

SWORN TO
NEVER INTERFERE, IT
IS MY DUTY TO OBSERVE
AND CHRONICLE EVENTS
OF GREAT COSMIC
IMPORTANCE!

BEHOLD,
AS I HAVE BEEN
TASKED WITH OBSERVING
A TIME-DISPLACED FRANK
CASTLE WHO HAS INEXPLICABLY
BEEN INFUSED WITH THE
COSMIC POWERS BEFITTING
A HERALD OF
GALACTUS!

AS WELL
AS THE DEMONIC
FUEL THAT DRIVES ALL
THOSE KNOWN AS
GHOST RIDERS!

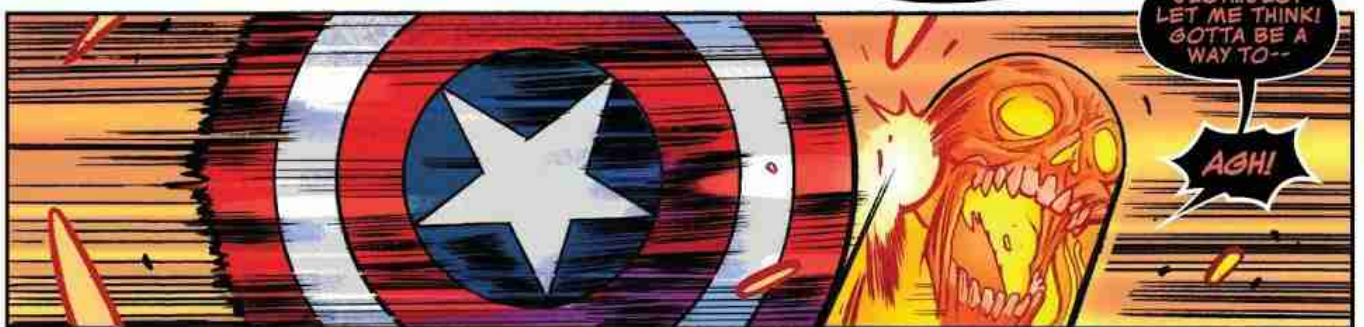
AND, AS IF THAT
WEREN'T ENOUGH, THIS
BRAZEN LOON HAS NOW
TRAVELED BACK IN TIME
AND HAS TAKEN THE INFANT
THANOS UNDER HIS BONY
WING IN AN ATTEMPT TO
CHANGE THE COURSE
OF HISTORY.

IT IS,
OF COURSE, A
LITERAL FOOL'S
ERRAND.

BUT EVEN
ONE SUCH
AS I MUST
ADMIT...

"...IT IS QUITE A LOT
OF FUN TO WATCH."





JIGGERDUCK. A DUCK NAMED HOWARD IN POSSESSION OF THE GEM OF CYTORRAK. DUCKING UNSTOPPABLE.

WE'RE THE
**GUARDIANS
OF THE GALAXY!**

JUBILEE.
'NUFF SAID.

CAPTAIN MARVEL.
KAMALA KHAN. BUT IN
THE FUTURE AND ALL
GROWN UP. NOW WITH
ADDED SHIELD!

IRON GROOT. ROCKET
PILOTING A MECH-SUIT
MADE OUT OF HIS
TREE BUDDY. SHUT UP,
YOU LIKE IT.

WE COME
FROM THE FUTURE.
A FUTURE YOU CREATED
WHEN YOU RAISED THAT
MONSTROSITY.

WE
CAME TO STOP
YOU.

OLDER MAN CABLE. TIME-
TRAVELING LEADER. TOO
OLD FOR THIS @\$\$%.

NOW
GIVE US THE
BABY.

OH, OKAY.
COOL.

LISTEN.
I WOULD LOVE TO
GIVE YOU THIS BABY,
EXCEPT... I DON'T WANT
TO, AND I DON'T CARE
ABOUT YOUR DUMB
FUTURE.









WHAT IT MEANS...

WHAT IS THIS?!



...IS I GO BACK TO MY TIMELINE AND SPEND TWENTY YEARS OR SO PERFECTING THE PERFECT SOLUTION TO TAKE CARE OF OUR GALACTUS PROBLEM...



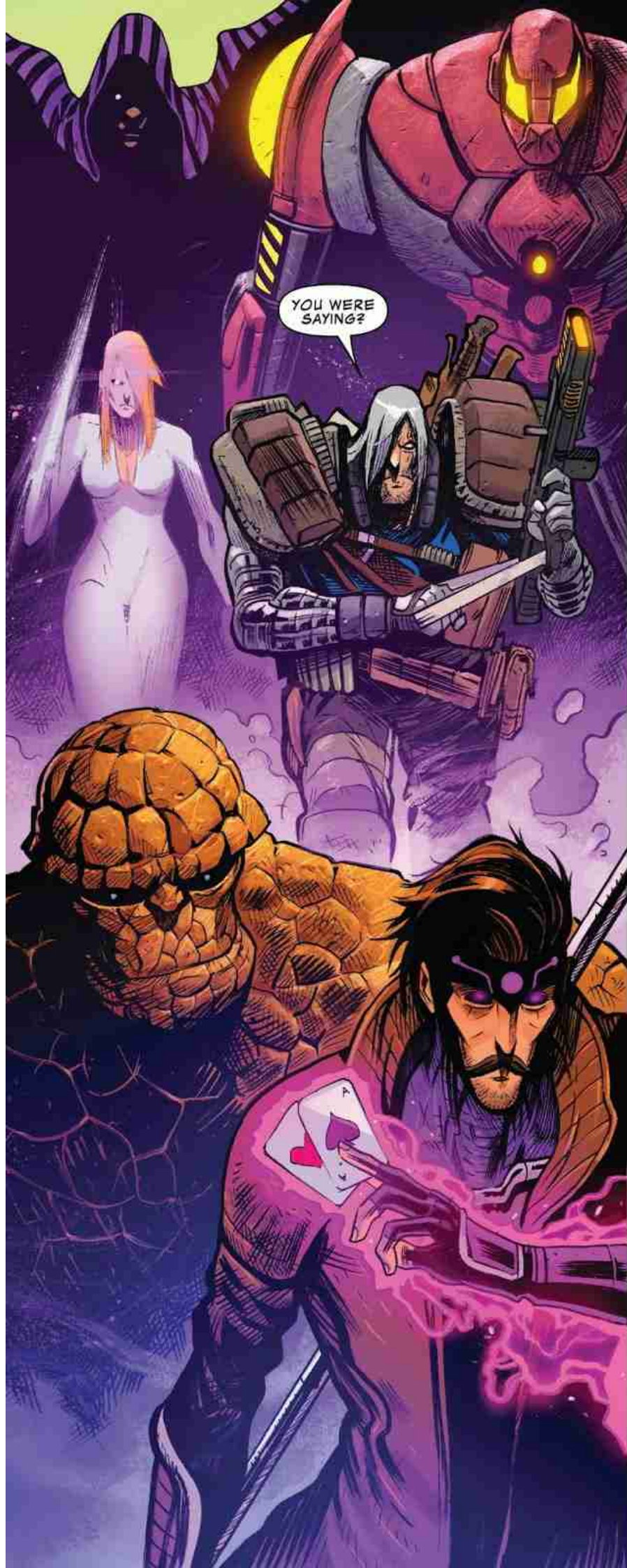
...COURTESY OF HANK PYM.

YOU GOT IT.

UNHAND GALACTUS!







YOU WERE SAYING?



I GOT A LIST A MILE LONG OF SOME PRETTY POWERFUL FOLKS BACK HOME JUST BEGGING TO COME BACK AND END YOU TWO.



YEAH, WELL, I'D LIKE TO SEE YOU TIME-TRAVELING CHUMPS TRY! 'CAUSE IF YOU WANT HIM, YOU GOTTA GO THROUGH--

FINE.



GUARDIANS, KILL THAT BABY!







I'D BE SITTING
IN TRAFFIC, OR
WATCHIN' MY KID
OR SOMETHING...
BUT REALLY, I'D
BE RIGHT HERE.

WHERE I
BELONG.

YOU KNOW
WHAT, CABLE? I
THINK YOU MIGHT
BE RIGHT.

THIS FUTURE
OF YOURS IS
PATHETIC!



SLIDE BY
THIRTY!

WOMP



IN THE WAR.

MY WIFE, MARIA. SHE USED TO
LOOK AT ME WITH HORROR IN
HER EYES IN THOSE MOMENTS.

YOU
CAN DO BETTER
THAN THIS! TRY
HARDER!

BRING
IT!



"FRANK, HONEY..."
SHE'D SAY...

SLIDE BY ONE
HUNDRED!

WOMP

"YOU DON'T HAVE TO
FIGHT THE WHOLE
WORLD."











HEY,
DAD.
SORRY
I'M LATE.



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